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For: A METHOD OF MODULATING MELANIN PRODUCTION

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**RESPONSE**

This is in response to the Examiner's requirement for election of species, the period for response having been extended up to April 12, 2007, by submission of the required petition and fee herewith. Applicant elects species A-2 (patient suffers from a disorder associated with acquired proliferation of melanocytes) and B-1 (results from sun exposure). Method claims readable on the elected species include claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12 and 13.

Respectfully submitted,

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